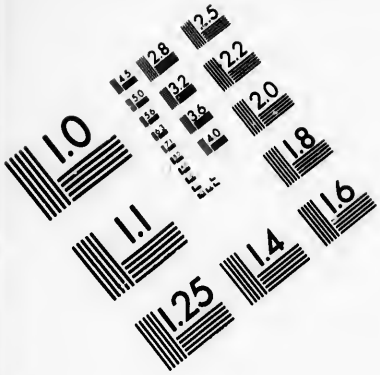

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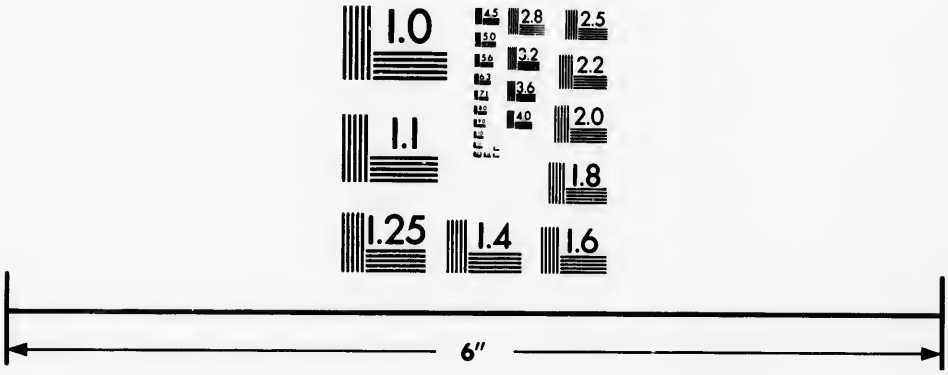

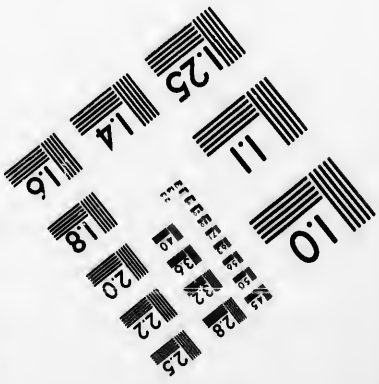

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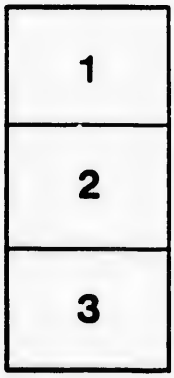

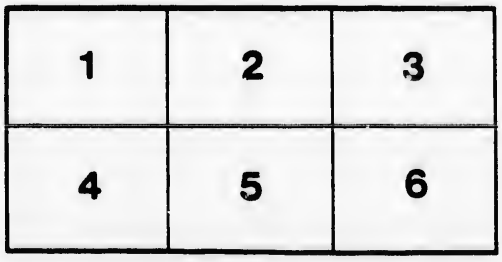

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ARTICLE I.

The name of the Association shall be "THE LIBERAL CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION OF THE TOWN AND TOWNSHIP OF CORNWALL."

ARTICLE II.

The objects of the Association shall be the maintainance of British connection; the advancement of Canadian interests and industries, by the advocacy of the adoption of a national system of tariff and finance calculated to promote and protect them; strict enforcement of the Election Law and the Act respecting the Independence of Parliament: to uphold and maintain the union of the Provinces; to unite the various classes, creeds and races forming the population of the Dominion; to disseminate amongst the members of the Association and our political friends in the Town and Township a thorough knowledge of the political affairs of the country, and to promote the thorough organization of our party, so as to secure union and harmony of action among its members.

ARTICLE III.

The members of the Association shall consist of Active Members, Life Members and Honorary Members.

Active Members shall be such persons as desire to belong to the Liberal Conservative Party for the promotion of Article 2, and who pay an annual subscription of 25c.

Life Members shall be such persons as shall contribute not less than $5.00 towards the funds of the Association.

Honorary Members shall be prominent members of the Party, non-residents of the Town or Township, who desire to assist the Association and who are elected by the Association at an ordinary meeting thereof.

ARTICLE IV.

The Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, four Vice-Presidents from the Township and one from the Town, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

SECTION 2.—The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers of the Association and two members thereof from each Ward in the Town and Township.

SECTION 3.—The Nominating Committee shall consist of the Officers and Executive Committeemen of the Association, and any Senator, Member or ex-Member of either Legislature, residing in the constitutency, and who is in accord with the Party.

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ARTICLE V.

All candidates for admission as Active Members shall become Members of the Association upon signing the Roll thereof, and paying an annual subscription of 25c., in advance, as before specified.

SECTION 2.—Upon his admission, each member shall agree to support the candidate of the Party, and to pay his annual subscription.

SECTION 3.—Members for Life must pay their subscriptions previous to admission.

ARTICLE VI.

The President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, Executive and Nominating Committeemen, shall be elected annually at a General Meeting of the Association, to be held on the Second Thursday in January of each year.

ARTICLE VII.

The Executive Committee shall meet on the Third Tuesday of April, July and October, and at such other time and place as they may be called together by the President, and may adjourn from time to time as occasion may require.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Executive Committee for the respective Municipalities shall meet at such times and places as may be appointed by their several Vice-Presidents.

ARTICLE IX.

The duty of the Executive Committee shall be to attend to all matters of the Association during the intervals between its General Meetings, and to see that the Secretary obtains and keeps a correct copy of the Voters' Lists, and that all Members of the Association and parties likely to support the nominees thereof are correctly placed thereon; with power to the Committee to appoint Counsel to see that this is properly done.

ARTICLE X.

The duty of the Executive Committee for each Municipality shall be to report to the Executive Committee at its meetings, on the Third Tuesday of April, July and October in each year, and at such other times as they may deem necessary, all matters of interest and importance in their respective divisions; to have a copy of the Assessment Roll and see that it is correctly made out, so that in the event of an election a definite idea of our strength may be ascertained, and to keep the Executive Committee well posted in all matters concerning the Roll and Voters' Lists in their division. Each member of the Sub Committee shall keep a Book of Membership, and endeavor by all lawful means to induce all voters friendly to the Liberal-Conservative cause to become members and sign the roll.

ARTICLE XI.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary, immediately after a vacancy occurs in the Electoral Division, either for the House of Commons or Local Legislature, forthwith to notify the Officers, the Executive and Nominating Committees to meet at such time and place as the President may appoint, and such Committee shall at once proceed with the nomination of a candidate, and shall adjourn from time to time until a candidate is selected, such candidate to be selected by ballot and by a majority of the Nominating Committee, as before specified.

Each candidate must be proposed and seconded by some member of the Committee, and when the several names are proposed, a ballot shall be taken, and the name of the candidate having the lowest number of votes shall be dropped out; a new ballot shall then be taken, and so on until the candidate is selected, when the nomination shall be made unanimous.

Each candidate proposed shall sign a written paper, and his proposer and seconder shall agree in Committee that he will abide by the nomination of the Committee, and will support the nominee of the Party honestly and to the best of his influence and ability. After the candidates have been proposed, it shall be in order for their friends to speak on their behalf, setting forth their claims and qualifications for nomination.

ARTICLE XII.

When the Nominating Committee have selected their candidate, his nomination shall be submitted to the Association for their approval at a Special General Meeting, which is to be called by the Secretary at the earliest possible moment after such nomination.

ARTICLE XIII.

The funds of the Association shall be under the control of the Executive Committee, or they may appoint a Finance Committee of five of themselves, including the President and one of the Vice-Presidents, who shall see that all the funds of the Association are paid to the Treasurer, and that he keeps correct accounts of all monies thereof passing through his hands. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the funds, and he shall, through the Secretary, notify any members in arrears for their annual subscription. No expense greater than Ten Dollars shall be incurred without the previous sanction of the Committee or the President of the Association.

ARTICLE XIV.

The Executive Committee of the Association shall have power from time to time to make By-laws for the conduct of the business and meeting of the Association and its various Committees, and to arrange meetings with other Associations, and with the leaders of the Party, and for such other purposes as may be deemed necessary for the well-being of the Party.

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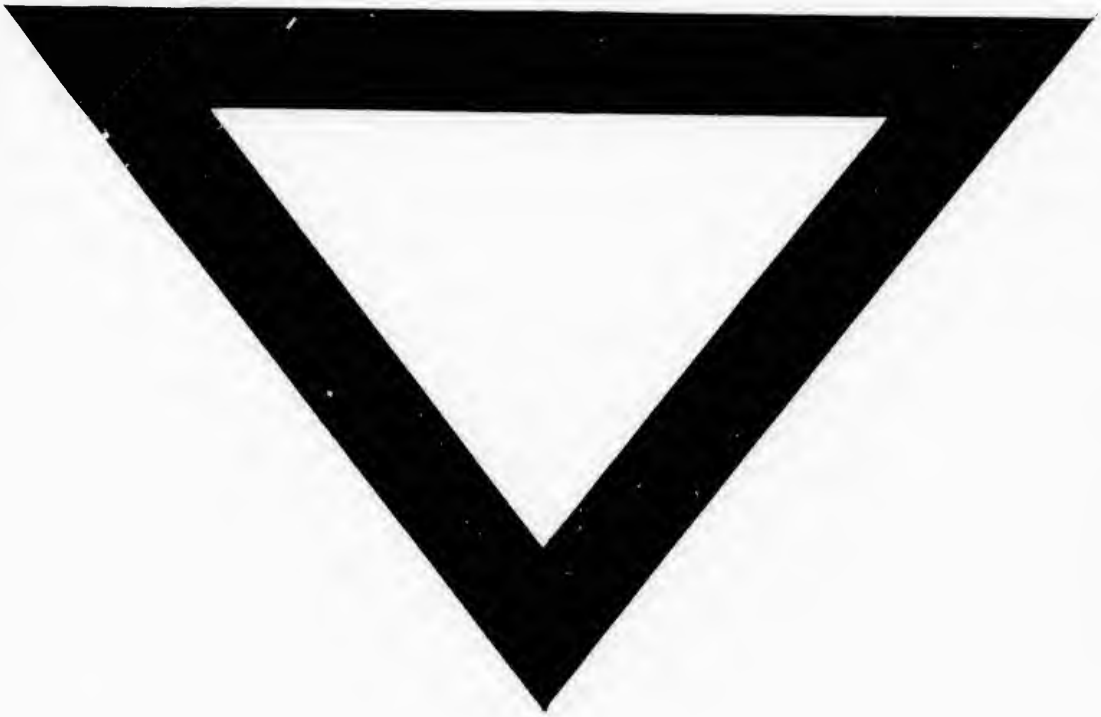
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